Speaker's Loss May Mean Decline of Indians-Acosta Returned to Millers

TRIS SPEAKER HURT MAY MEAN DECLINE OF CLEVELAND TEAM

With Star Fielder and Hitter Out With Injured Ankle, Team Is Weak.

O'LOUGHLIN IS SHOWERED

Umpire Pluckily Marches Through Crowd After Rain of Pop Bottles During Game.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

CLEVELAND, July 31.-The Cleveland Indians, who have been fighting hard to remain in the first division, have been struck a heavy blow by the injury to Tris Speaker and it is generally believed that they will fall back into the second division before the star outfielder can return to the line-up.

fielder can return to the line-up. With Speaker out of the battle line, the Griffmen should win both remaining games of the present series, as Roth and Smith do not make for harmony in the outfield.

Speaker's injury came on a circus catch of Foster's liner in the fourth inning. As Speaker started in for the bail his spikes caught and as he fell forward he caught the ball. But he stayed on the grass. Doc Moyer, the Indians' trainer, rushed out and found the Indians' best man suffering from a sprained left ankle.

While Moyer is of the opinion that Speaker will not be out longer than two weeks, it must be remembered that Morgan sat on the bench six weeks after spraining his right ankle in New York. If Speaker is out two weeks, the Indians are sure to hit the chute. If he is out a month, they lose their chances of winning the pennant.

Umpire O'Loughlin was the target for a shower of pop bottles after his decision calling McBride safe at third in the tenth. Glassware fell all around him, but he never turned a hair. Players from both teams were kept busy throwing the bottles back against the wall in order to prevent injuries. After the game the fans flocked toward the umpire, but he marched off the field like a soldier right through the mob and escaped without injury. It was a fine exhibition of sheer nerve.

There was a crowd of at least 13,000, which was handsome, considering the terrific heat. Whenever the home team appeared to have a chance of winning the rooting became furious, and not a fan left until the last man died in the tenth.

Merito Acosta was not taken from the line-up because of any weakness, but rather because of his hard luck. He was cheated out of two hits by remarkable fielding on the part of Wamby and Turner. In the fifth Acosta hammered one through the box, but Turner was over on the bag like a rabbit and managed to get the runner on a close decision. Wamby did the same thing in the eighth, robbing the little Cuban of a single. However, the change worked out well, for it was Shanka' long fly that scored McBride with the winning taily.

Gharrity got but one hit, a Texas leaguer to center, but he forced Smith to go to the wall in right center for his drive in the sixth. A wee bit more would have given the young

Wamby and Turner were the fielding demons of the day, each endeavoring to excel the other. The veteran had a shade on Wamby, though, for his stop and retirement of Acosta in the fifth was the best bit of the day.

Gandil proved a weak sister at the bat, though his fielding was smooth. Four times eh strode to the bat with a chance of driving in a run. Twice he whiffed. Once he popped to Foster, and the last time he rolled to McBride, leaving Roth stranded on third.

There are rumors here that Louis Guisto, the star first sacker of the Portland team in the Coast League, will be given a trial next fall. Guisto is setting the Coast League aftre with his all-around work, and the fans here are howling that he be obtained. are howling that he be obtained.

The Indians have first call on all
Portland players, and so he is expected
to come here, although half a dozen
big league scouts are now watching
him. Gandil is hitting for .252, a disappointing figure for Cleveland fans.

at any time this season, for they will be without Tris Speaker. The star out-fielder sprained his left ankle in the fourth inning of yesterday's game, and he may be in the crippled lift for sev-

eral weeks.

Some jumbled fielding, a questionable decision at third base and Hank Shanks' powerful sacrifice fly to Roth, gave the Griffmen a victory, 2 to 1, in the tenth frame of the Sunday game before some frame of the Sunday game before some 12,000 fans.

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McBride opened the tenth with a Texas Leaguer to short center. Roth and Smith tried for the ball, and, as in most cases, both stopped, allowing the ball to fall safe between them. Johnson jammed one back at Coveleskie, who threw to Chapman to head off McBride.

O'Loughlin ealled the runner safe, though he seemed out. Chapman protested so vehemently that he was banished from the field. Then Shanks filed to Roth in center, scoring McBride with the run that decided the contest.

Johnson and Beebee fought a stiff pitching duel for seven innings, the veteran Indian looking just as good as his famous foeman. The blond Shrapnel was hit hard in the first two frames, and was wild in the third, but thereafter was master of his own destiny.

Beebee gave the Griffmen a hard fight, and had but one bad session, the fourth. He was scored on then. Klepfer, relieving Beebee, got himself into a bad hoie in the ninth, and was relieved by Coveleskie, who worked himself out only tefall back into another ditch in the tenth. With Graney out of the way, Chapman singled in the first inning and Speaker

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Merito Acosta Is Sent to Cantillon

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 31 .-Merito Acosta, after a brief stay with the Griffmen, is on his way back to Minneapolis today to play with Joe Cantillon's club. Henri Rondeau is out of the line-up of the Millers and as Griff sent Horace Milan to Rochester, and Turner Barber to Baltimore, Cantillon is left in a hole for an outfielder. Griff had no outfielders to part with save Acosta and the Cube went back today.

drew a pass. Roth's wallop to left brought Chapple across and forced the Griffs to make an uphill fight. The Griffmen have now won seven out of eleven games played with the Indians this season, and the odds are on them for the next three. Harper and Boehling will probably tackle the Indians before we get out of town.

Merito Acosta was not taken from Griffs to make an uphill fight.

There were two down in the fourth when Sam Rice bumped a double up against the center field wall. Beebee choked the corners with free tickets to Gharrity and Morgan, bringing up Ainsmith. The young catcher banged a hot drive off Beebe's fingers, scoring Rice. McBride ended things by forcing Ainsmith.

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The Griffs came within an ace of winning in the ninth. Milan walked. Rice was called out on strikes. Gharrity dropped a safety in right center. Morgan was hit by a nitched ball, filing the bases and bringing Coversities to

rity dropped a safety in right center. Morgan was hit by a nitched ball, filling the bases and bringing Coveleskie to the rescue of Klepfer.

Henry replaced Ainsmith, and was expected to send out at least a sacrifice fly. He disappointed his supporters, however, by slapping an easy one back to Coveleskie. It was soft to get Milan at the plate and double up Henry at first, choking off that run.

Five times the Indians threatened, only to have their hopes snuffed out. In the second with one gone, Turner and O'Neill singled, only to see Beebe and Graney whiff.

In the third with one gone, Speaker walked, stole, and reached third on a wild pitch. Both walked. Gandil bunted the third strike, and then Speaker perished at the plate trying to steal.

Foster's bad peg and Reth's bingle put two on with none out in the sixth. Ansmith picked off Smith at second, and the next two died easily.

Turner's single started the seventh. O'Neill sperificed, but Howard skied, and Graney fanned for the second time. With two gone in the eighth, Roth tripled to the center field wall, only to see Gandil roll weakly to McBride.

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Totals ... 32 7 30 12 2 Covel'kie, p 1 0 0 1 0.
*Howard ... 1 0 0 0

Merito Acosta will be back with he Griffmen as soon as Roy Massey and Hanri Rondeau are patched up. Joe Cantillon is using Jack Bentley and Burk in the outfield since Rondeau and Burk in the outfield since Rondeau and Massey sustained sprained ankles, Griff is helping Cantillon out of a bad hole in returning the Cuban to the Millers for a short time. Acosta, however, is making several quick jumps over the country in the meantime.

The Indians will be weaker today than at any time this season, for they will be without Tris Speaker. The star outfielder sprained his left ankle in the fourth inning of yesterday's game, and he may be in the orippied lift for seviminutes.

How Big League Ball **Teams Won Their Battles**

Griffs Have Dropped Out of Pennant Race

Western Writers Say Team Is Formidable Only When Johnson Is at His Best-Mack Switches Choice From Red Sox to Yankees.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

No Heat Alibis.

less customary for summer torridity

to be the alibi for losing ball clubs

And right now the Griffs, with every

other loser in the league, have been battling against heat as well as dia-

mond opponents.

But there hasn't been a murmur charging the heat with bringing de-

League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Where They Play.

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Boston at Detroit.
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Yesterday's Results.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Where They Play.

Yesterday's Results.

Literary Language.

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Boston at Detroit.
Phila, at Chicago.
N. Y. at St. Louis.

Journal.

In the past it has been more or

CLEVELAND, July 31.-That the Griffmen have dropped out of the 1916 campaign as real contenders for the gonfalon, leaving only Chicago to make a battle against Boston, Cleveland, New York, and Detroit, seems the prevailing opinion among Detroit and Cleveland baseball writers.

Despite the feelings of Washington fans, these writers insist, as they have been insisting for many moons, that Walter Johnson alone makes his team formidable. Furthermore, as he cannot pitch every day, the Griffs are not really formidable on three days

And, again, with Johnson not enjoying a particularly prosperous year in the harvesting of victories, these writers decline to take the Griffmen seriously. Whether or not the Griffs have

dropped by the wayside, certainly such a decision can find small foundation in reason after peeking at the dation in reason after peeking at the standings of the clubs.

There are yet six clubs with chances to win the 1916 pennant in the American League. It is too early to predict the positive failure of any one of the leading half dozen.

The Griffs may not be victorious in the final rush down the stretch, but they are not to be counted out ignominiously before August arrives.

Connie Mack's Idea.

Connie Mack is said to have switched from the Red Sox to the Yankees as his choice for the pennant this year. If this be true, it might be well for the fans to take Connie is pretty nearly the shrewdest man connected with base-

Connie has picked a powerful aggregation, too, in the Yankees. Whenever a ball club can hold its own in a tight race, it is a strong team. But when a club can be de-

team. But when a club can be deprived of six stars for periods extending into months each and still maintain the grueling labor of setting the pace for the league—that is some ball team. It happens to be the Yankees of 1916.

There is danger for every contender in the race in the gradual recoveries of those injured Yankees. From now till the curtain falls in October the luck, strength, and gameness of the team will be sorely tried. If Bill Donovan can summon his stars to the battle line, still keeping his present proportion of daily luck, the Yankees may win their first pennant.

How Many Wins?

The Boston Red Sox hung up 103 victories to win the pennant of 1915. The Detroit Tigers managed to nose out in front just 100 times, But how many victories will the pennant winner of 1916 have? pennant winner of its have?

If any team in the league could win a hundred games this season it would be the contender in the world's series.

The chances are that the ultimate victor will hardly have ninety victorles to his credit when the bell rings.

Tinker's Punishment. Joe Tinker has met with just punishment for allowing Umpire Byron to forfeit a game to Brooklyn. The Cubs have been assessed

\$1,000 and flery Joe has been mulcted of a century note.

The fans who so to the ball park do not go to see a wrangle and a forfeit. They want action, and more action, but they also want results. In delaying the game, hoping dark-

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Roth, Indians	3	3	5	1.000
Marsans, Browns	3	8	4	1.000
Cobb, Tigers	3	3	3	1.000
Picnich, Macks	2	2	2	1.000
Cung'ham, Tigers	1	1	1	1.000
Felsch, White Sox	4	3	8	.750
Gardner, Red Sox	4	3	4	.750
Bush, Tigers	4	3	3	.750
McInnes, Macks.	8	2	8	.667
O'Neill, Indians.	3	2	2	.667
Terry, White Sox	5	3	6	.600
Lewis, Red Sox.		3	3	.600

Burgess Brothers Drop

Jack Burgess, of Chevy Chase Citto, and his brother Davie, of Bannockburn, were defeated in a professional foursome yesterday by James Spencer, of the Suburban Club, and Fred McLeod, of the Columbia Country Club. The match was held over the course at the Suburban Club.

The Burguess brothers seemed a bit off color in the early part of the play, while Spencer and McLeod played very steadily.

Joe Turner and Jack Winrow have posted forfeits with P. F. O'Connor for a wrestling match to take place within sixty days. In the match Saturday night Winrow was in poor physical condition and went on despite the advice of his physician. Turner obtained the first fall in forty minutes and the second shortly after. Winrow declares be was unable to do himself justige.

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Pro Match at Suburban

The spectators were treated to some real golf, as all four of the contestants contributed something spectacular to the well-played match.

Forfeits Posted.

If they ever start awarding pennants for optimism. Clark Griffith, the Washington manager, will break up the league, says E. A. Bacheldor, of Detroit. Griff is the guy that the writer was thinking of when he dashed off those lines about hope springing eternal in the human breast. No matter how far down the ladder his club may be, no matter how badly crippled, he is always claiming the flag. He wins more games in hotel lobbies than anybody else living. The Nationals' boss still clings to the delusion that he has an excellent chance for the 1916 bunting. He will not say in so many words that Walter Johnson and Eddle Ansmith will be the battery for the opening game of the world's series, but at the same time will not admit that any of his rivals can possibly finish ahead of him. This is anybody's race," said Griff Tuesday. "It is going to be one of the toughest battles in the history of the American League, and the club that wins eighty-five or ninety games will be on top. If Washington had all its men in condition, I would feel confident, for I have the best ball club in the league, when all my regulars are fit. Last year we couldn't hit, but were a great fielding aggregation. Now con-WORLD'S CHAMPS IN

NEW YORK, July \$1.-The world's champions lead the American League today, and the Yankees' star is on the wane. St. Louis southpaws soaped the chutes down which Donovan's crippled crew slid to third place, while oBston climbed to the pinnacle, and the White

In losing their position as leaders the Yankees lost little in prestige or henor, for they have furnished the sensation of the season, and it was with five subs in the ranks that they finally released their hold on the top.

did it mark the fall of the New York Americans and the consequent tightening of the league race, but the St. Louis

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 31.-Fresh from the most successful week in the history of Grand Circuit harness racing in Detroit, the stars of the light har-

SISLER WOULD HAVE

Bacheldor Says Griff

Is King of Optimists

Detroit Newspaper Man Writes Nationals' Leader

Is Expecting To Be in Running for Flag.

Team Is Crippled.

Sox took second place.

The past week in baseball was the

nost dramatic of a month, for not only Browns, just a step above the cellar. March. He is 5 feet 1014 inches high crowded ten straight victories into eight and weighs 165 pounds. He can play

on the field.

Tris Speaker, with an average close to ing to defer practicing I fession for a few years.

While Davy Robertson retains the crown in the National League.

Grand Circuit Races Starting at Kalamazoo

mixture.

Samples of cigarettes, samples of soup, amples of hash;
These are a few of the samples that group
On a mustache.

—Kansas City Journal.

In Detroit, the stars of the light harmess world tomorrow will begin a five days' meeting here. Three events with the Richman Hotel Purse, a \$2,000 stake, as a feature, are on the first day's card. Large fields rule.

Eighteen horses have been named to go in the stake race, while the other two races, a 2:15 pace and 2:09 trot, have drawn, respectively, twenty and fifteen starters. Both of the last named are for purses of \$1,000.

TY COBB'S RECORD

The most talked of baseball player in America just now is a man whose name was almost unknown to the fan throngs two sensons ago. He is George Sisier, first baseman of the St. Louis American League team.

In a recent decision, the National Commission affirmed the right of the Browns to use Sisler in their line-up. thus defeating the hopes of Barney Dreyfuss, president of the Pittsburgh team, who claimed him.

A contract Sisier signed at the age of seventeen with the Akron O. and P. team led to the muddle. In declaring the contract null and void because it was sighed by a minor, the National Commission was only following an unbroken ruling of the civil courts.

Sisler was twenty-three years old last any position on the field, catcher, but prefers first basing.

will enjoy the same ranking as Ty Cobb in the American League.

Sisler was graduated in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan, but high salaries attracted him to baseball. St. Louis pays him \$7,500 a season, and for that reason, he is willing to defer practicing his other profession for a few years.



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